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Dr. George Cooper was a Senior Fellow with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, where he reviewed key federal legislative initiatives of significance to HBCUs. Previously, he served four years as President of South Carolina State University. Prior to this service, Dr. Cooper spent 17 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, where he provided oversight to programs important to the historically black land grant universities and other minority serving institutions to strengthen research, extension, academic and international programs. He has also served in faculty and administrative roles at Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University. Additionally, Dr. Cooper has served on a number of boards and advisory groups, including the Orangeburg (SC) Chamber of Commerce, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Limited Resource Institution Academic Advisory Group, the Council of 1890 Presidents of Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture/1890 Task Force.

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